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BEIRUT PASS USINT BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR

SUBJECT: GOI LANCE MISSILE REQUEST

REF.CARMISH/MAAG MSG DTG241040Z FEB 75 (NOY

1. GOI REQUEST FOR SALE OF LANCE IS UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW
HERE. YOUR VIEWS ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WILL BE OF ASSIS-
TANCE IN THIS REVIEW. (REQUEST YOU NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS
WITH GOI.)

A. WHAT HAS CAUSED RENEWED GOI INTEREST IN LANCE?

B. WHAT MISSION DO YOU THINK GOI FORESEES FOR LANCE?

C. WHAT WOULD BE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF MAKING LANCE EFFEC-
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TIVE (E.G., AVAILABILITY OF MANPOWER, ETC.)?

D. DO EMBASSY AND MAAG CONSIDER REQUEST MILITARILY JUSTIFIED?

2. FOR JIDDA, KUWAIT AND BAGHDAD: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON LIKELY IMPACT ON HOST COUNTRY OF SALE OF LANCE TO IRAN. FYI: LANCE IS SURFACE-SURFACE GUIDED MISSILE WITH MAXIMUM RANGE OF 130 KM. WITH 1000 LB. WARHEAD. GOI HAS REQUESTED LETTER OF OFFER FOR 3-6 BATTALIONS. END FYI (REQUEST YOU ALSO NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS WITH HOST COUNTRY.)

3. REQUEST REPLY SOONEST. INGERSOLL

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